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SJC'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM BRINGS HOME TROPHY!

by Bree Ma'Ayteh

On Sunday, February 20th, SJC's Mock Trial team came back from the American Mock Trial Association Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, and they didn't come back empty-handed.

In an awards ceremony that took place on February 19, Saint Joe tied for sixth place out of the 24 teams that competed. In addition to the trophy the College team brought home, two SJC students earned their own awards. Don Shuler placed sixth in the category of "Outstanding Lawyer" while, with a perfect score, Maura Giles tied for first place for "Outstanding Witness." Said Giles, "Our team did great this year. I can't wait for next time-we'll do even better!"

The competition took place at Weber State University in Salt Lake City,

where the Pumas competed against four other schools. The trials were

the make-believe place of South China, Midlands, the defendant, a local man by the name of Ruel T. Ellis, was a accused of killing his best friend Cony Webber.



photo courtesy of Megan Bodnar

THE MOCK TRIAL TEAM in Salt Lake City.

each approximately two hours long.

This year's Mock Trial case involved a murder in a small town. In

The case contained a variety of loose ends, including a missing murder weapon, possibly falsified docu-

ments, and questionable testimony: For example, the eye witness who claimed to see Ellis kill Webber did so by taking two quick glances in her rearview mirror while she was driving at 10:30 in the evening. Also, there was no definite evidence that could prove that the dead body found was indeed Webber's. All these loopholes made it difficult to build a solid case for the prosecution.

This year's Mock Trial team was composed of seven students: juniors David DeLauro (co-captain) and Megan Bodnar (co-captain), sophomores Breann Ma'Ayteh and Maura Giles, freshman Don Shuler, and seniors Annie Campbell and Shelly Wetli. The team was headed up by Judge Robert Monfort.

A CLEARER PICTURE OF SJC TV

by Lisa Phillips

Static - that's what a lot of the channels on televisions across campus get instead of popular shows like *ER* or *The Simpsons*. Unfortunately, in order to fix the problem there is even more static to wade through.

The problems are numerous; some stations don't come in at all, others are fuzzy. Some students have gone weeks at a time without any television at all - due to cut cable. Sometimes even the stations themselves are changed. Some channels, like TCM, have been taken off SJC televisions while attempts are being made to discover the problem, which is suspected to be poor satellite positioning.

Ernest Watson, assistant vice president of student affairs, has been working on the problem with William Shaut, vice-president of business affairs, ever since William Manis, vice-president of student affairs, went on sabbatical at the end of last semester. Manis has handled the new system since it was put

in place starting in the summer of 1997.

Watson says that most of the problem began then, when the company contracted to put in the private television system did not follow through.

The job was then finished by *Vision Home Technologies*, but much of the damage was already done. The satellite and antenna which provide programming, placed by the first company, were too low or mis-positioned according to *Vision* experts says Watson. These problems take time and money to fix and would mean no television for quite some time.

Besides poor or no reception, one of the biggest complaints on campus has been the length of time it takes for even the smallest repairs.

"We don't take any priority," says Watson, who went on to explain that although *Vision* is SJC's signal carrier, SJC has no maintenance agreement with them. That's something Shaut and Watson are currently working on; negotiating a maintenance agreement with

Vision.

"They'll be more responsive (story continued on page 3)

Editor's Notes

Thursday, February 24:
Kairos XVIII begins

Friday, February 25:
Suitcase Party in the Ballroom from 9 PM to 12:00 AM

Tuesday, February 29:
Leap Year!

Friday, March 3:
Spring Break begins-Residence Halls close at 6 PM

Wednesday, March 8:
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, March 12:
Halls reopen at 12:00 PM

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In My Opinion

Because I am the Opinion Editor, I will now, like in most issues of *The Observer*, utilize this space for my own, personal and correct opinions.

But first, I would like to clear up a misunderstanding about the Wal-Mart parking lot: There are not 18 handicapped spaces for cars, but there are 18 spaces used up because two of them are van accessible.

Now for my own, personal and correct opinions: Have you ever turned on the television in the morning, between the hours of 9am and 12pm? If you haven't, don't. But if you have the misfortune of doing this, I hope that there is something on the *Cartoon Network* for you to watch.

This past week, I turned on the television hoping to catch reruns of *The Facts of Life* or *Family Ties*. Instead, when I turned on the TV, I was bombarded with shows like *Later Today*, *The View*, and *Donnie and Marie*.

Now, if you have no idea what these programs are, let me enlighten you. *Later Today* is deceiving because it gives the viewer the impression that she is seeing some sort of news programming. Well, the show is hosted by three women, Jodi Applegate (the real host), Asha Blake, and Florence Henderson (the mom from *The Brady Bunch*). In this show, the women invite Martha Stewart wannabees on and basically have a one hour craft show.

The View is a different type of show altogether. This show is hosted by five women that pretend to like each other, when you know that after the show they will all be arguing about who is the "real hostess." This show is hosted by Star Jones, Lisa Ling, Barbara Walters, Joy Behar, and Meredith Vieira.

On this program, if you can call it that, various movie stars come on and are interviewed. It's almost like *Letterman*, but not funny. Instead of asking the lucky star questions about his or her fame and fortune, the five women give their "views" on the stars latest project, or other life-threatening issues like if it's okay to wear brown shoes in the springtime.

Now, I realize that some people like this sort of programming, but I think that it is just stereotype programming. I mean, come on, both shows are hosted by at least three women and no men. This may be far fetched, but as a female in college, trying to enter the business world, I think that these types of shows are just another way of saying that a woman's place is in the home. *Some one* has to be watching these shows.

Maura Giles, Opinion Editor

Hats Off to Mock Trial Team 2000

I want to take the time to recognize the accomplishments of the Saint Joseph's College Mock Trial team during its most recent successful Mock Trial competition held at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. The students performed their assigned roles admirably.

Team Co-Captains, David DeLauro and Megan Bodnar, aptly conformed to all of the tournament rules of the American Mock Trial Association. Maura Giles earned a first-place award for best witness among the 26 teams competing from over 12 colleges and universities. She obtained a perfect score and a trophy.

Freshman Donald Shuler, in his first competition, earned a sixth place finish in his role as Prosecuting Attorney. While not placing in the top ten, team members Shelly Wetli, Annie Campbell, and Breain Ma'Ayteh each earned multiple individual awards.

Mock Trial continues to receive the enthusiastic support of President "Skip" Shannon and Provost David Chattin, as well as that of the faculty and staff. To these men and women I extend our thanks and our pride in bringing home a trophy from Ogden, Utah.

*The Mock Trial Team 2000
Coach, Judge Robert Monfort*

Is Having Too Much Fun a Crime?

I would like to comment about the security on campus. The night of the first snow fall, the campus decided to have a snowball fight. It was very disturbing to me that Security wanted to break up our fun and told us to go back to our rooms. Last time I checked, there was nothing in the student handbook that says that students may not throw objects made of snow on the intramural field.

I think I can speak for everyone that was out there that evening when I say that the security person who yelled out to the group from the security vehicle with the bull horn was quite effective, not. After the horn did not work, I guess that security needed to use drastic measures to get the point across, so they pulled out the big guns. [Not literally.]

Security pulled out their cell-phones and called the real enforcement. (Curiosity makes me wonder what exactly the police department thought when they received a call about two hundred Saint Joseph's College students that were having a snowball fight. Even though this activity might have been the most popular activity going on that night for Rensselaer and the police department, I believe that the cops that came had to be laughing when they pulled up to the scene.

I only have one question for the security that was there that night: What exactly could the police do with two hundred students? Maybe they could have arrested everyone and charged us with having too much fun and enjoying our college experience.

John Sponsel

Wal-Mart Parking is No Problem

I am writing this in response to the Wal-Mart parking article. Now don't get me wrong, being a student, it is easy to recognize that parking is definitely a problem on campus, but never at Wal-Mart. Being the avid Wal-Mart lover that I am, I feel that it is my duty to set the record straight.

First of all, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that there should be a certain number of handicapped parking spaces per every regular space. Secondly, I would like to point out that there are only sixteen

handicapped parking spaces at Wal-Mart, not eighteen. And finally, we need to realize that our Wal-Mart serves more than just the city of Rensselaer.

If we as students did not have a Wal-Mart across the street, the next closest one would be in either Lafayette or Merrillville. And I can guarantee that either one of those stores have more handicapped spaces than our own store. So why don't we as students just walk the few extra steps in respect for the handicapped?

Dana Johnson

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HABITAT MIGRATES SOUTH FOR SPRING BREAK

by Sharra Robertson

The SJC members of Habitat for Humanity are heading South for Spring Break. But they aren't thinking of relaxing on beaches. Habitat is sending twenty-three students, along with Fred and Pat Berger, to Columbus, Georgia, to work on building houses. They will be leaving around midnight on the first Saturday of Spring Break and won't be returning until the following Sunday. There are currently ten houses under construction in Columbus that the students will be working on.

What will they be doing? According to Katie Haendiges, "students will most likely get the chance to work on

putting up dry wall, building walls, roofing, sawing, and lots of hammering." The work week will last from Monday until Friday, leaving the group free on Saturday to do some sightseeing in Atlanta. They also plan on going to Americus, Georgia, where Habitat for Humanity was originally founded.

"Going places like food pantries and homeless shelters tend to be one of my favorite parts of the trip."

-Katie Haendiges

The group won't only be working on houses though. They plan on stopping in

a food pantry one of the days that they are in town. "Going places like food pantries and homeless shelters tend to be one of my favorite parts of the trip. It is a humbling experience and it helps you to realize how much you have and how easy it is to help others," Katie stated.

SJC is one of many colleges that participate in helping others during Spring Break. Chapters from all over the United States participate in the Collegiate Challenge. However, SJC is the only college that is working the first full week of March. Last year, there were 7,400 students participating dur-

ing their Spring Break, at 156 affiliates across the country. For the year 2000, there will be 8,631 students from 413 schools working on 580 teams.

This year alone, SJC has been to Rockford, Illinois, Laporte, Indiana, and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. The SJC chapter of Habitat has also teamed up with the Jasper County Chapter to construct their newest house in Wheatfield, Indiana.



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once we have an agreement," explained Watson. He also plans to field the smaller problems himself once an agreement is made and a technician is available to guide him.

"We're not experts at this," explained Watson, "[but] I think that Vision is really good." Both Watson and Shaut are confident that creating a maintenance agreement will solve the problems. They also plan for major renovations this summer, hopefully including the repositioning of the satellite and antenna as well as the rewiring of Schweiteman. The cable in Schweiteman is too old and simply needs to be replaced, said Watson.

Once these changes are made and it is clear what our system is capable of, Watson plans to survey students about what channels they want, possibly bringing in some stations from Chicago.

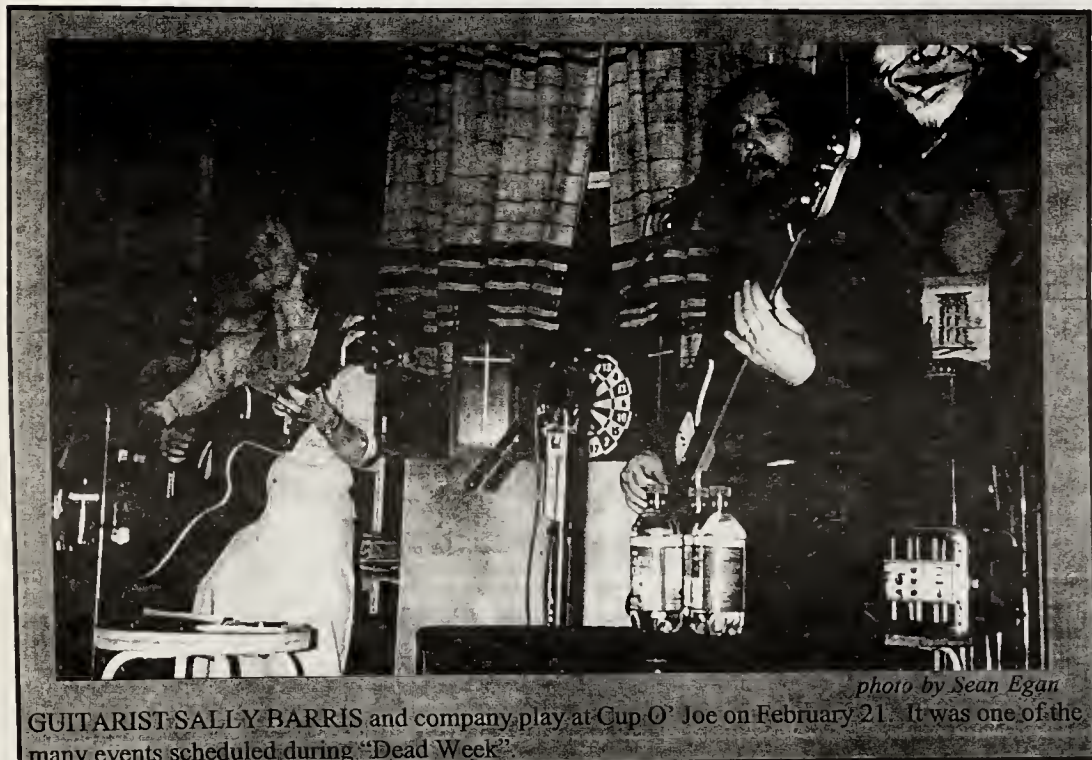
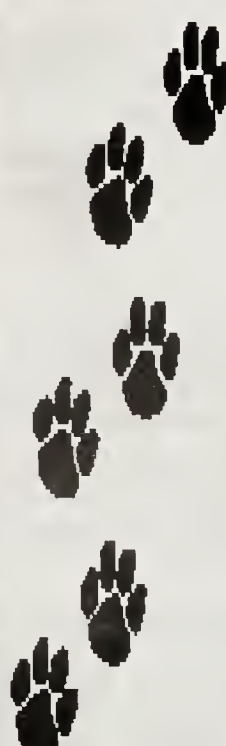


photo by Sean Egan
GUITARIST SALLY BARRIS and company play at Cup O' Joe on February 21. It was one of the many events scheduled during "Dead Week."

TELECOUNSELING PROGRAM NEW WAY TO RECRUIT

by Nick Schafer

There are many groups around campus that work behind the scenes to make SJC a better place. These groups are very important to the atmosphere and quality of life for SJC students and faculty alike, but there are a few organizations that take the center stage when it comes to representing Saint Joseph's College. The forerunner of this elite group is the SJC admissions office.

The office of admissions goes to great lengths to make prospective students feel that they are already part of

the SJC community. The admissions office sets up alumni banquets, tele-counseling campaigns, discovery days, and holds "stay over" trips for future Pumas.

The newest admissions recruitment technique involves a new tele-counseling campaign. Unlike previous campaigns, which enlisted the help of random student workers, the new campaigners will consist of

students recommended by their professors to represent their respective majors. Along with the representatives of the various departments of academia, student representatives from the performance scholarship areas will be helping as well.

The days of the tele-counseling campaign were February 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th, and 21st & 22nd.

The goal of the campaign is to generate prospective student applications and interest in SJC. In an interview with cam-

paign coordinator Courtney Norwine she explained, "The campaign has been successful so far, but next year we will be trying it earlier in the year."

The office of admissions would like to extend an invitation to all students who wish to help with this campaign, and any other admissions activities to contact their office.

By taking center stage the office of admissions will be able to lead SJC into the new millennium by recruiting and selling the positive aspects of Saint Joseph's College to future Pumas.



MEET YOUR STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS . . .

PHIL SCHROEDER

**Position:** SA President**Class:** Junior**Major:** Computer Science**Hometown:** Griffith, IN**Dorm:** Bennett

Future Plans: "All I really know right now is that I want to do SOMETHING with computers. After I retire, I wouldn't mind getting into politics."

SA Philosophy: "My two main goals for this year are:
1) To increase student awareness and participation at all levels.
2) To give the students more power in their lives here at SJC."

CHRIS CAMPBELL

**Position:** SA Executive Vice President**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** MMIS**Hometown:** Olney, IL**Dorm:** Noll

Future Plans: "...to obtain employment in the Minneapolis area and develop a career in e-commerce or a similar field."

SA Philosophy: "My main goal is to increase student awareness of what SJC student government does for the students and also to encourage their involvement and input in the decisions we make."

KELLY DOUGHERTY

**Position:** SA Secretary**Class:** Junior**Major:** History / Political Science**Hometown:** Charlottesville, VA**Dorm:** Justin East

Future Plans: "I would like to get married and raise a family, maybe go to law school and work on a political campaign."

SA Philosophy: "I would like to get the students more involved here on campus. It is also really exciting to be involved with the Master Plan right now. I hope to give input that will help make SJC a better place for all students."

DEREK DABROWIAK

**Position:** SA Treasurer**Class:** Junior**Major:** Mass Communications**Hometown:** South Bend, IN**Dorm:** Gallagher

Future Plans: "...to work for an advertising agency or to work in the production department for the radio industry far far from the Midwest."

SA Philosophy: "I'd like to get all of the clubs on campus, as well as the students, involved in the decisions the SA makes on their behalf. I'd also like to see the clubs do as much with the activities fees the students pay as possible."

LIZZ MUSICK

**Position:** SUB Director**Class:** Junior**Major:** Math / Computer Science**Hometown:** McAllen, TX**Dorm:** Justin East**Future Plans:** "?????"

SA Philosophy: "I aim to open the lines of communication between the divisions of the student government and the programming board and to make SUB aware of the types of events that the SJC students want to see on campus."

What's going on in the Senate?

* **APPROVED:** "Dead Week", a period of one week before finals when no large assignments, projects or tests can be assigned.

(sent to Academic Cabinet for further consideration)

* **CURRENT ISSUES:**

- Student Association Proposed Budget
- Potholes at the intersection of Hwy. 231 and Schuster Road.

* **ELECTED:** Kelly Gandurski to the office of Senate President

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by Don Shanahan

Ever since *Pulp Fiction*, small independent films that normally wouldn't see the light of the big screen are attracting big stars, making good money, and garnering more and more Oscar nominations. This year's Oscar pack is continuing that trend.

One of those big surprises out of left field is the film *The Cider House Rules*. Two weeks ago, it came away with seven Oscar nominations, making it second only to *American Beauty* (another edgy little movie) which garnered eight nominations. I was able to catch *The Cider House Rules* recently and it deserves much high credit, but not all of it.

Adapted from the 1985 John Irving novel, the movie is set in the 1940's at an orphanage in rural St. Cloud's, Maine. There the stern Dr. Larch (Oscar winner Michael Caine) takes care of unwanted children and also helps families deal with unborn children (yes, I mean abortion) as well. Dr. Larch helped birth one Homer Wells and immediately feels like a father to the boy. He takes Homer (Tobey Maguire of

Countdown to Oscar time: A taste of bittersweet *Cider*

Pleasantville) under his wing and later teaches him to be his successor in medicine, though Homer grows to doubt the practice.

It is an unwanted pregnancy that brings newlyweds Candy Kendall (Charlize Theron of *Devil's Advocate*) and Wally Worthington (Paul Rudd from *Object of My Affection*) to St. Cloud's and Homer. Homer is immediately lovestruck by Candy and asks to leave St. Cloud's with them to go wherever fate takes him. The couple takes Homer along and offers him a job to work with apple pickers on Wally's estate. There he becomes one of the summer crew living in the cider house led by Mr. Rose (veteran actor Delroy Lindo) and gets his chance to live in new surroundings.

More importantly, Homer is close to Candy, especially when Wally leaves for World War II, and they fall in love. Homer relishes his new life, not regretting the chance to easily become a doctor. All the while, the family of fellow orphans he left behind long for him to return while Dr. Larch is on the verge of losing the orphanage. This coming-of-age scenario of love or family is what the movie is all about.

The Cider House Rules, as you can see, has its love story set across the very delicate and complicated issue -- not only for the 1940's but for today as well -- of abortion. The debate is portrayed on both sides between Dr. Larch's logic and Homer's doubts. Contrary to what you may think, it is treated with remarkable dignity and respect, and it is secondary to the characters.

Some attribute the shocking Oscar push to Miramax Entertainment, the studio that led the *Shakespeare in Love* robbery of Best Picture from *Saving Private Ryan* last year. I think the movie is deserving of praise, but to nominate this film for Best Picture is a stretch over the more deserving *The Hurricane* or *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. Michael Caine's supporting nomination is the movie's best case. As a whole, *The Cider House Rules* has a lot of guts to mix love among abortion and it works most of the time, coming off maybe too cute. Nevertheless, the movie is a rewarding experience and, much like *American Beauty* and all the Oscar buzz, is expanding to more theaters, including Merrillville and Lafayette. Give it a try!



Puma Profiles: Professor Mark Seely

by Mandy Meyers

You may have had this professor for psychology or statistics or even this semester in Core 6, which he is teaching for the first time. If you're a freshman, he may be your Freshman Advisor. For those of you who do not know who I am referring to, it's Dr. Mark Seely.

Seely came to SJC in the fall of 1997. However before arriving, he taught at California State University at Sacramento for a few years. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Washington University where he graduated with a B.S. in Developmental Psychology.

According to Seely, the biggest factor that helped him make his decision about coming to teach here was definitely the class size.

"The first class that I ever taught had over 250 students in it. It's impossible to get to know the students when the classes are so large," he said. "It's nice to walk across campus [here] and know the names of almost everyone I see."

Not only did class size impress him, but also the faculty's genuine desire to teach.

"My colleagues here honestly care about what they are doing. That is a rare thing compared to what

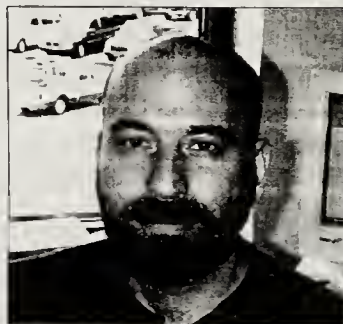
I've seen at other institutions," stated Seely.

The community here in Rensselaer was appealing to him as well. He likes the small atmosphere the town has to offer. "Drive-by shootings and car jackings are not all that common in Rensselaer," he joked.

Seely commented that his favorite thing about teaching is being able to interact with his students. He does, however, admit that sometimes people don't want to hear what he has to say. He likes the fact that he has a captive audience when he teaches.

And his least favorite thing? "It would have to be exams and grades," he replied.

"It really bothers me that our way of doing education involves taking something that is intrinsically rewarding (learning) and imposing external rewards (grades). Sometimes I wonder whether students are learning anything of real value other than how to jump



through hoops and meet deadlines," he stated.

Not only does Seely teach, he is also involved with the Student Association here on campus. He was recently asked to serve as the group's advisor. His role is to basically oversee what goes on and to help them with any of their causes.

Additionally, Seely has just had a book published. It is entitled *Freedom, Purpose and Personal Meaning*. He says it's more along the lines of a personal essay. Basically it's about the role that personal meaning plays in goal formation and pursuit. He went on to say that the book discusses how our freedom to create personal meaning in our lives is constrained by some of our most cherished social, economic, and religious institutions. Currently he is working on another book, tentatively titled *A Pluralistic Ethics*. He says that it is about the nature and function of moral behavior.

Since most of his time is spent teaching and writing, he likes to devote all his free time to his family. He also plays classical mandolin. He says that in ten years he hopes he is still teaching. He can't imagine doing anything else.

Pumas Compete at Chicagoland Championships

Men and Women put forth strong efforts as indoor season winds down
by Clark Teuscher

With the Great Lakes Valley Conference indoor track and field championships just two weeks away, the St. Joseph's men's and women's track teams traveled to Lewis University to compete in the Chicagoland Championships, which included competing schools from all NCAA Divisions. The women placed fourth out of 12 teams, while the men placed third.

The women's meet was Friday, and the 18th-ranked Lady Pumas finished with 42.33 points. Carthage College ran away with the meet, taking first place honors with a whopping 185 points. The women's performance placed their overall record to 20-13 this indoor season.

The top overall finisher for the Lady

Pumas was senior thrower Becky Garza. Garza took second place in the shot put with a toss of 40 feet, 4.25 inches. Garza also finished third in the 20-pound weight throw with a distance of 46'4.75".

Freshman distance runner Maria Toledo turned in a strong performance in the 5,000 meter run, crossing the line in 19 minutes, 23 seconds to take fourth place. Shana Wyatt followed her teammate across the finish line in 19:34 for fifth. Both of the St. Joseph's relay teams (4x200, 1:50.71, 4x400, 4:13.97) finished fourth as well.

Other fifth-place finishers for the Lady Pumas were Julie Duerksen (200, 27.81), Teresa Gaura (800, 2:30.09), Jill Leffler (mile, 5:37), Holly Stefaniak (3000, 11:07), Jamie Marshall (200 hurdles, 30.39) and Kim Noon (weight throw, 41'10.5").

The 9th-ranked Puma men traveled to Lewis Saturday to face North Central College, which is the defending Division III national champion, and the host school Lewis, which has won every outdoor GLVC championship. The Pumas proved equal to the task, finishing with 92 points, 37 behind North Central and just three behind Lewis.

The Puma men had several first-place

finishers, including freshman James Perkins, who stepped down from his specialty event, the 400 meters, to win the 200 in 22.94 seconds. Greg Myers took first place in the high jump, clearing six feet, six inches. Myers' height was the same as that of teammate Josh Hughes, but Myers was awarded the victory because he needed fewer attempts.

Aaron Thomas took first place in the weight throw with a toss of 52'5.5". Teammate Joe Koczan was the closest competition for Thomas, finishing second with a mark of 47'6.5".

The fourth and final Puma to emerge victorious was distance runner Jared Weller, who remained undefeated at the 5000-meter distance this season, finishing all alone in first place in 15:13. Jeff Barker (15:45) and Matt Stout (15:46) finished third and fourth behind Weller.

Other top five finishers for St. Joseph's were Tim Newman (2nd, 800, 1:56.61), Ricky McCray (3rd, 200, 23.13), Koczan (3rd, shot put, 47'1.5"), and Jason Johnson (5th, long jump, 21'6").

The Pumas will head back to Lewis this Friday for a final tune-up before the GLVC championships on March 4th, also being held at Lewis.

Baseball Ready for Successful Season

Pumas head south to begin play

by Chrissy Scafide

"We have had tremendous success in the past and we expect the same this year," comments head baseball coach for the Pumas, Mike Moyzis.

With a brand new season underway, the Pumas look to defend the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship and compete for an NCAA Division II regional championship. "We also hope to make another showing at the ultimate — the (College) World Series in Montgomery, Alabama."

Coach Moyzis explains that every game for the Pumas is a big game, since teams will be gunning for them. "With the success that we have had, everybody looks at us to play their best games."

A main feature that will contribute to a successful season is that the team is well balanced. Moyzis explains, "Last year we did have some superstars, but this season I feel that we will have a lot of success because we can play ten to twelve guys that will be able to get the job done."

As a result of a large number of graduating seniors last season, several players this year are being asked to show leadership. "This comes with success and we expect our leaders to lead us to tremendous success this season," Moyzis continues. According to

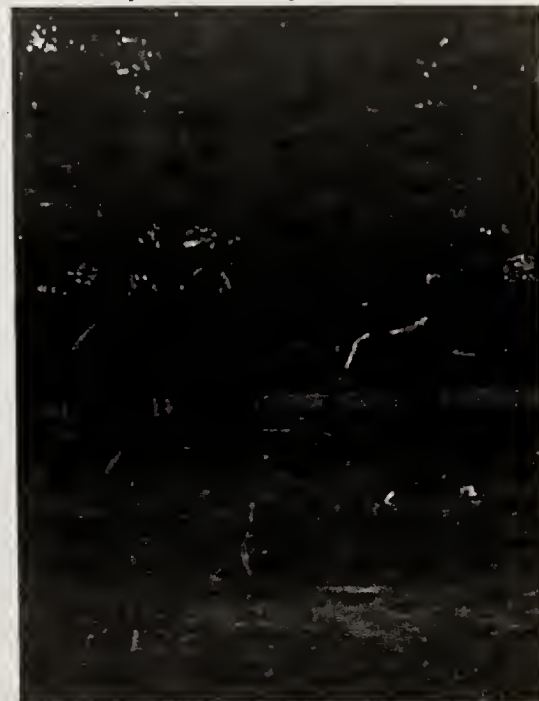
Moyzis, four major players that have emerged as leaders are senior pitchers Anthony Avila and Quinn Chism, junior outfielder Lucas Brunette and senior outfielder Roberto Martinez.

Along with the upperclassmen, Moyzis looks toward freshmen Mike Alkaraki, Joe Mazzuca, Tony Schmid and Bob Bosserdet to make an additional impact for the Pumas.

There have also been a few recent improvements made to the baseball field. The Pumas consider the condition of the field very important to the team's success. Moyzis explains, "This past fall we put in new sod on the infield and got it leveled. We also had a new storage shed put on the third base side."

The Pumas began their season on the road this weekend in Alabama. The 21st-ranked Pumas went 1-3 on the weekend as they split Saturday's doubleheader against Montevallo. St. Joseph's dropped game one 5-3. Martinez went 3-for-4 from the plate scoring a run, while Tim Chambers and Mazzuca scored the other Puma runs. The Pumas took the second game 11-10, with Mark Gruzewski picking up the win. Mazzuca and Bosserdet both homered for St. Joseph's.

Sunday, the Pumas dropped two games to second-ranked Alabama-Huntsville, losing 7-1 and 8-3. St. Joseph's will carry its 1-3 record to Kentucky this weekend for games on Saturday and Sunday.



(Photo by Lisa Phillips)

Members of the SJC baseball team take advantage of unexpected warm weather to prepare for this weekend.

Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

Thursday, February 24th
Basketball vs. Quincy, Women-5:30,
Men-7:30

Friday, February 25th
Men's and Women's Indoor Track at
Lewis, 10am

Saturday, February 26th
Basketball vs. Missouri-St. Louis,
Women-1:00pm, Men-3:00
Baseball at Spalding University (KY),
2:00pm

Sunday, February 27th
Baseball at Spalding U., 12pm (Double
header)
Men's Tennis vs. Chicago State, 10am

Athletic Shorts

by Clark Teuscher

The women's basketball team dropped three games last week, dropping a 78-72 decision to IPFW on Tuesday, then getting blitzed 100-75 by Northern Kentucky Thursday and 103-74 by Indianapolis on Saturday. The women's overall record stands at 6-18, including a 4-14 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Angie Hupfer is still leading the GLVC in scoring with 25.3 points per game and is second in rebounding at 8.4. Tamara Bumpers is fourth in the conference in assists at 4.2 per game, while Jill Masters is 8th in blocked shots, averaging 1.0 a contest.

The Puma men are also 6-18, with a 2-16 record in conference play. They, too, went 0-3 last week, first taking a 105-83 beating from IPFW before losing 85-71 to Northern Kentucky and 85-80 to Indianapolis.

Matt Metzger currently stands third in the GLVC in assists at 4.5 per game, while Romano Dees is fourth in scoring, averaging 15.9. Dees also ranks sixth in steals while Brandon Yates is tenth.

Shanahan hired as new Equipment Manager

by Jill Masters

"I think I'm the only waterboy on campus."

Don Shanahan is the new Saint Joseph's College equipment manager. He has replaced Mark Settle, who resigned last semester.

Settle met with Athletic Director Bill Massoels prior to leaving and discussed the future of the equipment position. Settle told Massoels that Shanahan would be a capable person to take over the position because he was familiar with most of what the job would entail because of his position as manager of the football team. Shanahan accepted the position and will finish out the academic year as "the waterboy."

With this new position, "...I do a little of everything," Shanahan notes. "I wash the laundry for both our teams and the other teams that play against us, I fix anything that might need to be fixed in the gym or with the equipment, sometimes I even run the music for basketball games."

In high school Shanahan was the manager for his school's football team. He would get the team anything it needed, from water to towels to preparing of helmets.

When he was looking at schools for college, he filled out a card that he received from Saint Joseph's and mentioned that he was inter-

ested in being the manager for the football team. "That's how I got started with this job, through the football team," Shanahan mentions.

The toughest part of Shanahan's new position is the odd hours he has to keep. It is difficult to juggle his job around his class schedule. There is no such thing as a typical day, since his



(Photo by Lisa Phillips)

St. Joseph's College Equipment Manager Don Shanahan. hours are dictated by the practice schedules of the athletic teams that are in season at the time. There are times when he is at the fieldhouse all night finishing a project. "I can handle it," says Shanahan, "but it is tough."

As with any job, this position has its peaks and valleys. Shanahan concludes, "The best part of the job is I finally get paid for what I do, and I get to be around sports. But the worst part is by far the smelly laundry!"

This weekend will be the last in the basketball season at SJC, with the Quincy University Hawks coming Thursday and the Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen heading into town on Saturday.

Saturday's game will be Senior Day at Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. Seniors Monica Glaridge, Dawn Harvey, Angie Hupfer, Tamara Bumpers, Teri Forsyth and Jill Masters will be honored in the women's game.

In the men's game, seniors Luis Soltero, Matt Metzger, Greg Taylor, Jason Hallenbeck, Jonathon George and Rory Johnson will be recognized in their last game as Pumas.

The women will tip off on Saturday at 5:30pm, with the men set to get started at 7:30. Saturday's games will be in the afternoon, with the women's game starting at 1:00 and the men's game following at 3:00pm.

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-Senior Day for Men's and Women's Basketball

-Men's Tennis Season Opener

Puma Entertainment Quick Picks

By Don Shanahan

At the Movies:

American Beauty- The dysfunctional family portrait and Best Picture Oscar frontrunner starring Kevin Spacey gets a re-issue.

Reindeer Games- Recently released thief gets pushed into one more casino job. Starring Ben Affleck, Gary Sinise, and Charlize Theron.

The Whole Nine Yards- Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry team in a hitman comedy

Hanging Up- "Chick flick alert" for the story of three sisters (Meg Ryan, Diane Keaton, Lisa Kudrow).

Boiler Room- A Wall Street for the new century with a stellar young cast of Giovanni Ribisi, Ben Affleck, Vin Diesel, Nia Long, Scott Caan, and Tom Everett Scott.

On TV This Week:

Post February sweeps shows as *The Simpsons* and *ER* both deal with the aftermath of shocking deaths of show characters.

For those with a buddy off campus WWF's No Way Out is on to fill your wrestling addiction Sunday, February 27.

The pages come to life with the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit TV Special* premiering Saturday, February 26 at 7PM on TNT.

New Music Albums Debuting February 29

Smashing Pumpkins- *Machina/the machines of god*

Bones Thugs-Narmony- *BTNH Resurrection*

AC/DC- *Stiff Upper Lip*

Recent Video/DVD Releases from Tuesday, February 22

Double Jeopardy- wrongly accused wife (Ashley Judd) hunts down husband. With Tommy Lee Jones

Coming to Video/DVD on Tuesday, February 29

The Best Man- Taye Diggs and Nia Long rekindle romance on weekend of friends' wedding.

Random Hearts- Harrison Ford and Kristen Scott Thomas play widowed lovers whose respective spouses were killed in a plane crash

Stigmata- Girl off the streets may have a connection to the devil and scares the church. Stars Patricia Arquette and Gabriel Byrne.

...?DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know that the Grammy Awards were introduced to counter the threat of rock music?

In the late 1950s, a group of record executives were alarmed by the explosive success of rock 'n roll, considering it a threat to "quality" music. In 1958, they launched the Grammy Awards to promote, what they called, a higher standard of popular music

taste. The first Grammy's were held on May 4, 1959 and from the start the Grammys have been at odds with new music styles. The first award for rock music wasn't given until 1961 (when Chubby Checker won the Best Rock & Roll Recording award). Stars who haven't won a Grammy: Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Van Morrison, the Who, the Supremes, the Beach Boys, and the Doors, to name a few.

~info by didyouknow.com

Nightlife

The rational sun has gone to bed, now the hypnotic moon is left standing in its place. People under the starry spell come out to play. They don't care about others, they don't care about opinions, all that they want is to have fun. Dancing, drinking, smoking, this is the nightlife.

~Ann O'Donnell

Lost in the Caverns of Memory

Where is the smile from the little boy, who knew no other?

Lost in the halls and trials of adolescence,

Found again in the face of adulthood, or

is it?

Is it the same smile?

No but,

a smile nonetheless

A new smile,
A new energy,
A new life,

different yet the same,

apart yet together,

one life
or
two

A circle.

~Nicholas Schafer